PSUs/Boards/Committees which are functioning under the control of the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation for the last two years, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not filling up the posts and by when these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There are no PSUs/Boards/Committees etc. under the control of the Ministry of Planning & Programme Implementations. Hence the question of vacancies does not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Special Development Plan for Tribal Areas of Orissa

1818. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special development plan for Tribal areas of Orissa, particularly Kalahandi, Koraput and Bolangir has been prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the plan is implemented in true spirit to benefit the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) In order to focus on high priority schemes which would deal with the basic problems of the tribal areas of Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi, the Government of Orissa has prepared the Revised Long Term Action Plan (1998-99 to 2006-07) which comprises of Central Plan Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in various sectors, namely, agriculture, horticulture, watershed development, afforestation, irrigation, health, drinking water, emergency feeding, welfare of SCs/STs and rural connectivity.

In addition to the normal flow of funds under Central Plans and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, various steps have been taken to ensure some additional funding to these districts in 1998-99. These include doubling of the first instalment of funds under Employment Assurance Scheme and provision of additionality of Rs. 37 crore in the Annual Plan 1998-99 of Orissa for these districts. Further Rs. 7 crore has been provided for Emergency Feeding Programme and Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Health Units under Basic Minimum Services.

(c) In order to ensure effective implementation of the Plan, the following steps are being taken by the Central and the State Governments; (i) Regular meetings are being held in the Planning Commission with representatives of the State Government and the Central Ministers in order to ensure smooth flow of funds to the regions. (ii) The State Government has reported that (a) a Senior Officer in the rank of Commissioner has been appointed as Administrator (Special Projects) and his headquarters shall be at Koraput, (b) It has also been decided to constitute a project level Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to review implementation of the Revised Action Plan, and (c) It has been decided to constitute a State level Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister with Representatives of Govt. of India, Members of Parliament and Members of the State Legislative Assembly.